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A Week of Prayer for Missions Abroad

April 16 to April 23, 1905

FOR the last two years, at about this season, Christian people in the United States and Canada have united in a week of special Prayer for Missions abroad. The custom has proved so helpful that the Annual Conference of the Foreign Missions Boards in the United States and Canada, meeting in New York in January, decided to repeat the request for these united intercessions during the week beginning April 16 and closing April 23, 1905.

The period selected is that which commemorates the Redeeming Death and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be apparent to every one how appropriate it is to use these days for offering prayers and gifts, that the message of love revealed in the Incarnation of our Lord, and the message of life revealed in His Resurrection, may be fully proclaimed throughout the world for which He died.

For the more helpful observance of the week it is suggested that the topics included in the Common Daily Prayer be used in connection with the subject given for each day in the Prayer Cycle on pages 2 and 3, and it is hoped that this spirit of prayer may be carried into daily or midweek church services, and be given expression at parlor or neighborhood meetings in private houses on one or more evenings, at family prayers and in daily private devotions.

Prayer Cycle

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The Evangelization of the World

Total population of the World, estimated, 1,500,000,000. Nominal Christians, 500,000,000. Non-Christians, 1,000,000,000. Native Christians—Protestant adherents in non-Christian countries and tribes, 4,514,592. Protestant Missionaries, 18,164. Native workers, 78,350. Students in Christian schools, 1,051,466.

1. **For Missionaries**; for the Native Churches; for all inquirers and catechumens; for greater faith in God, for the establishment everywhere of Christian homes and the Christian Church, and the preaching of the Gospel to every creature.

2. **For Reinforcements** — native and foreign—men and women of prayer and purpose, constrained by the love of Christ, of good judgment and humility, who cannot but speak the things they have seen and heard.

3. **The Empires of Eastern Asia**—Japan, China, Korea, Thibet and Siam. For the cessation of war and the decay of distrust; for friendship; for continued progress; for openness of mind and heart on the part of Confucianist and Buddhist toward the Gospel.

4. **Central and Western Asia**—India, Afghanistan, Persia, Turkey, Arabia. For religious liberty; for the elevation of woman; for freedom from famine; for the conversion of the Hindu and the Mohammedans.

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5. **The Continent of Africa.**—For the extinction of the slave trade and the liquor traffic; for peace; for justice in the Congo Free State; for the evangelization of the Soudan, and all unreached tribes.

6. **The Countries at Our Door**—Mexico and Central and South America. For the spread of purity of doctrine and of life; for the unreached Indians; for political righteousness and stability.

7. **The Islands of the Sea**—the Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, the South Seas, Madagascar. For the purification of American influence from all vice and irreligion; for confidence and service, for justice and peace; for the end of slavery and impurity, and the triumph of Christianity.

8. **The Church at Home.**—For ministers and people; for forgiveness for lethargy and indifference; for more prayer and more faith in God's desire to hear and answer prayer; for more love and obedience; that every member of the body of Christ may have the mind of Christ regarding foreign missions and, abounding in the grace of giving, may yield prompt obedience to the command of our risen Lord.

United Prayer for Missions Abroad

Praise

For the unspeakable gift of God's love; for the share He gives us in His work; for those He has delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son.

Common Daily Prayer

For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For a realization of the need of the non-Christian world; its helplessness, its poverty, its materialism, lust and superstition; the inadequacy of its religions; its spiritual hopelessness.

For a truer conception of the mission of the Church; for more consecration and sacrifice; for a full surrender to the leadership of Christ; and that the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth laborers into His harvest.

For the missionaries, that they may be kept in health of body and mind; that they may have a continual sense of Christ's presence, and may have greater access to the hearts of the people.

For the native Church, that it may grow in faith and fruitfulness, in love and service; for more native workers.

For the elevation of woman.

For religious liberty and peace.

For the evangelization of the whole world and the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ.

"That they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."